

# Santa Cruz Cooperative School

## 2013-2014 Fact Sheet



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**The Santa Cruz Cooperative School** is a private, coeducational day school which offers an educational program from prekindergarten through grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The School was founded in 1959 and officially formed into a cooperative of parents in 1971. The school year comprises two semesters extending from the beginning of August to mid-December and from mid-January to the beginning of June.

**Organization:** The School is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors elected for two-year terms by the members of the Cooperative, who are the sponsors of the School. Upon payment of the required capital levy fee, membership in the Cooperative is conferred on the parents or guardians of children enrolled in the School. The School is not incorporated in the United States nor is it tax-exempt in Bolivia.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum is that of a U.S. college-preparatory program which represents the basic emphasis of the School, although additional courses are available for students who wish to meet the requirements of the Bolivian Bachillerato. Spanish is required for all students in grades 3-12. Prekindergarten students may be enrolled without having a command of the English language; however, all grades are taught in English and require grade-level proficiency in English. Advanced Placement courses are offered that include: biology, calculus, Spanish, comparative government, psychology, world history, U.S. history, art and English. Electives are offered in band, art, choir, yearbook, leadership and senior independent project. This latter program enables students to work off campus with professionals during the month of May.

**Faculty:** During the 2013-2014 school year there are 51 full-time faculty members, including 1 director, 1 primary division principal, 1 secondary division principal/college placement counselor, 1 secondary assistant principal, 2 guidance counselors and school librarian.

**Enrollment:** Student enrollment at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year was 612 (PK-grade 5: 326; grades 6-8: 108; grades 9-12: 178).

**Facilities:** The School is situated on a seven-acre landscaped site with a large campus. The physical plant consists of an elementary school, a secondary school, three covered patio areas, a modern state-of-the-art library, and four computer laboratories (one equipped with a smart board). The school has an outstanding cafeteria service and a permanent medical doctor facility on campus for emergencies.

**Finances:** In the about 99% of the School's income was derived from regular day school tuition. Annual tuition rates were \$5,743 for PK; \$6,218 for K; \$6,716 for grades 1-6; and \$7,491 for grades 7-12. In addition, there is a one-time non-refundable capital levy fee of \$8,000 charged to each new student, admissions exam fee of \$50, a yearbook and calendar fee of \$30, annual student accident insurance of \$32, a technology fee of \$200 and a scholarship fund depending upon grade level of student in the school. Fees are payable in U.S. dollars. (All fees are quoted in U.S. dollars.)

*This Fact Sheet is intended to provide general information. Prospective users of the Schools may wish to inquire further of A/OPR/OS or contact the School directly for more specific and up-to-the-minute information regarding curriculum, special programs, and the like. Information and statistics are current as of September 2013 and are provided by the School.*